From: McLerran, Dennis

To: Joelle Gore - NOAA Federal; Will Stelle - NOAA Federal

CC: Psyk, Christine; Jeff Payne Sent: 3/31/2015 6:08:26 PM

Subject: RE: CZARA Oregon Closing the Gap on Forestry 3-26-2015DJM.docx

Thanks Joelle. Will and I should discuss the letter and the "Closing the Gap" memo with Dick and Richard one more time before we send the letter if possible. As you know, the concept all along has been that the state would respond with a letter to our letter and we will want to refresh the state on that and reiterate the importance of it in the context of grant funding decisions we will be making in the near future. We will want to see if Richard has been able to get the commitment from the new Governor for her support in improving forest practices, although Will may have already had some of those discussions earlier last week with Richard. Thanks for the continued great coordination between our two agencies on this!

Dennis

From: Joelle Gore - NOAA Federal [mailto:joelle.gore@noaa.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2015 2:59 PM

To: Will Stelle - NOAA Federal

Cc: McLerran, Dennis; Psyk, Christine; Jeff Payne

Subject: Re: CZARA Oregon Closing the Gap on Forestry 3-26-2015DJM.docx

Thanks Will and Dennis, The team is working on a transmittal letter for the Closing the Gaps document and should have that by the end of the week.

In a nutshell, the draft letter does the following:

- -Addressed to Dick Pederson and Jim Rue; this is how our Findings and other formal correspondence is addressed.
- -Transmits Closing the Gaps document as an overview of options and starting point for continued conversations and work between State, EPA and NOAA
- -Requests a written commitment from the State by date certain (I'm proposing April 30) that they intend to work to strengthen their forestry measures towards achieving full approval of their coastal nonpoint program
- -We're considering a statement related to Agriculture...but could use both of your impressions on that.
- -Letter will be signed by Jeff Payne and Dennis

Thanks, and please let us know if anything big missing and your thoughts on what/if anything should be included on Agriculture.

Best, Joelle

On Tue, Mar 31, 2015 at 3:47 PM, <will.stelle@noaa.gov> wrote:

Dennis: This was on my list to get back to you. Good that you transmitted this informally to give them both a quick look as a courtesy. I envision that we will send this under a formal letter very soon -- perhaps this week -- and get this rolling as you note. This will also feed directly into their hearings before the Board, and also the state legislative dynamics.

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and will be meeting with Richard and

others the second week of April on it. So, all connected.

Hopefully this is good to go.

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William Stelle Jr.

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From: Dennis McLerran

Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2015 11:53 AM

To: WHITMAN Richard M * GOV, pedersen.dick@deq.state.or.us

Cc: Will. Stelle@noaa.gov, Psyk, Christine, Joelle Gore

Richard and Dick:

Attached is the latest version of the joint EPA/NOAA memo on closing the gaps on forestry measures in Oregon for CZARA purposes. I know you have had some brief discussions with Will about reconvening to further discuss next steps and I wanted to get this into your hands. I appreciate that we have needed to pause briefly here due to the change in administrations in Oregon, but we do need to make some progress on our discussions in the immediate future as we have grant funding decisions that will need to be made soon. My hope is that we can be on track for an exchange of letters on this in April so we can be making timely progress on this. I am happy to schedule a call as soon as you are ready so we can discuss next steps. Please let me know if you are ready for me to begin scheduling a call between four of us.

Dennis McLerran Regional Administrator EPA Region 10

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